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UPCOMING EVENTS

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February

- 10 Communications Trng
- Lansing
- GLR Train the Trainer
-Grissom AFB
- 17-18 Mission Operations Trng

March

- 2-4 NCO Academy
- 17 Counter Drug Trng -
- 31 IN Wing Chk Pilot
Course - Lafayette, IN

April

- 6-8 Wing Conference
-Kalamazoo
- 21 Counter Drug Contest
- 28-29 GLR ES Conf
-Grissom AFB

MICHIGANWING TO GET 2 NEW AIRCRAFT AND A GLIDER

So far, 2001 has started out in the right direction for Michigan Wing. Recently, Col. Courter was notified by the Great Lakes Region Commander that we would be receiving several new aircraft into our inventory.

In particular, Michigan Wing will be taking responsibility of a Maule which is currently in Kentucky Wing. The Maule is specially designed to serve as a tow plane for gliders and is also used as a search aircraft.

The arrival of this aircraft is quite timely, as we are also going to receive a Schweizer SGS 2-32 glider that was formerly



MIWG's New Glider

used by the USAF. The aircraft is coming out of the DMRO and is in the process of being tested and transported to MIWG. This will mean there are now two gliders located in MIWG available for our members to utilize for orientation flights.

Finally, we will take possession of a Cessna 182 (N9883M) from Missouri Wing.

These additions are a direct result of all the hard work members of Michigan Wing have done to insure utilization of our corporate assets. In fact, MIWG was #1 in average hours flown per aircraft in the Region and #3 in the nation.

GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OFF TO COLORADO SPRINGS

Beginning some time this summer, c/MSgt Ben Visser will be heading off to Colorado Springs, Colorado to start his freshman year at the United States Air Force Academy.

Cadet Visser joined CAP in June 1999 and has progressed aggressively at **Boulle-Norman Cadet Squadron**. In addition to serving as the Commander of the MIWG Drill Team, Cadet Visser was also the Encampment Honor Cadet for the GLR.

In addition to his CAP activities, c/MSGT Visser runs cross-country and track for his high school in Grand Rapids.

NCO ACADEMY

The MIWG NCO Academy will be held 2-4 March at Selfridge ANGB. The cost is \$34 per person (this is a subsidized price). Lodging for two nights, food for five meals, and supplies are provided. Bring ID card, pen/pencil, notebook, spending money for clothing sales.

All personnel must arrive by 02 1930 MAR 01 to secure lodging. Dismissal is scheduled for 04 1600 MAR 01.

Students: The Academy is open to NCOs *ONLY*. Applications will be accepted from Senior Airmen on a space-available basis and MUST include a recommendation from their unit commander. There

are only 26 slots available, so apply now.

Cadet Staff: Academy staff MUST be the rank of C/MSGT or higher. There are 3 staff slots available. Selection will be made based on an interview and a resume.

Senior Staff: The Academy requires at least one additional senior member (\$46), preferably female to serve as supervision for female cadets. In addition, a member with a wing drivers license is also needed.

Send applications NLT 16 Feb 2001 to: MAJ Dave Gillahan, 14821 O'Connor Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101. There is a \$5 late fee, and walk-ins (late fee applies) will be accepted if space is available.

CIVIL AIR PATROL is a non-profit volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Founded on December 1, 1941, this national organization works with youth, 12 years of age and older, to meet our mission of developing dynamic young American leaders. Civil Air Patrol's volunteer personnel use its resources to meet emergencies, to encourage aerospace education of the general public, and to motivate young men and women to ideals of leadership and service through aerospace education and training.

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TID BITS

- Membership dues were changed effective 1 Oct 00. New cadet membership dues are \$44 (\$20 National, \$16 Bookstore, \$8 Wing). For new Seniors it is \$53 (\$30 National, \$3 Region, \$15 Wing, \$5 bookstore). All applications now go directly to National.
- As of 1 Jan 01, units will no longer have their own EIN numbers. All units will now use the corporate EIN 75-6037853
- In order to comply with CAPR, all MIWG driver's licenses will expire on 1 April 2001. Please review the MIWG web page for details on renewing your license.

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."

-Max De Pree

MIWG Conference

Michigan Wing's annual Conference will be held on 6-8 April 2001 at the Kalamazoo Radisson (616-343-3333 or 800-444-3344).

Information about conference will be mailed to all members on 15 Feb and information will also be available at miwg.cap.gov/conference.htm. We hope to offer online registration for this years conference.

Look forward to seeing SAR dogs, the new CAP STK program, AFRCC and much more at this years conference.



Note from the Editor

HEY!! We need pictures, promotions and activities from YOUR unit. Please forward information to news@miwg.cap.gov so it can be included in *Rumor Control Lite*.



UNITS IN ACTION

Adrian Cadet Squadron was the winner of this years Laser Tag competition with a total score of 281,350. **Livingston Composite** and **Bouille-Norman Cadets Squadrons** took second and third place, respectively. 'Sharp Shooters' included **c/SSgt Robert Dabkowski**, **c/SSgt Brian Sikema**, **c/2Lt Thomas Caviler** and **c/SrA Jason Knoke**. The overall 'Sharp Shooter' for the evening was **c/2Lt Josh Anderson**. Thanks to **Capt Gorman** and **c/Capt Gorman** for their hard work on this activity.

The State of Michigan has allocated \$20,000 to Michigan Wing to support our missions. Over the course of the year, Wing staff will be determining the best use of these funds to support the local units and CAP's missions.

December 13 was quite a day for **c/2Lt Gus Gettas** of the **Livingston Composite Squadron**. In addition to receiving his Mitchell Award, **c/2LT Gettas** was presented a Meritorious Service Award, which was presented by

MIWG Vice Commander, MAJ Rajesh Kothari. MAJ Kothari cited many of **c/2LT Gettas** accomplishments including project officer for Operation Regnar, Operation Wolverine, navigation competition, cadet course commander for SAR Academy, and many other achievements. Congratulations.



Capt Roy A. Kauer, a member of the **Bishop Airport Squadron**, recently participated in a videotaped commercial for the General Motors Volunteer Plus Program. The Volunteer Plus Program contributes \$200 to any non-profit organization in which an employees volunteers a minimum of 50 hours of their time. Capt Kauer, a traffic dispatcher at GM's Flint V-6 Powertrain Division, was selected for volunteering over 300 hours last year to

CAP. The commercial included a videotaped interview and a segment at the Flint Bishop Airport with the CAP corporate aircraft. The commercial will be aired on closed circuit television in GM plant's and on regular television media releases across the country.

PROMOTION CORNER

A number of cadets recently received their Mitchell Award and were promoted to **c/2LT**: **Robert Groat—Livonia Thunderbolt**, **Jim Schwalm—Livonia Thunderbolt**, and **Augustas Gettas—Livingston Composite**.

There have been a number of other promotions as well: **Dave Gillahan** to Major from **South Oakland Cadet Squadron**, **Jack Redeker** to Lieutenant Colonel from the **Muskegon Cadet Squadron**, **Mary Mitchell** of **Willow Run Cadet** to Major, **David Schlender** also of **Willow Run Cadet** to the rank of Captain.

And welcome back to **Dave Robbins** who has rejoined the **Thunderbay Composite Squadron** and has been reinstated to the rank of Captain.

FLYING STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

Over 30 members from around the Wing joined together on 13 January for an Air Safety Training Day sponsored by the MIWG Operations Department.

Members were briefed on new CAP flying regulations and SAR procedures by **Maj Craig Brown**, MIWG/DO. This briefing also included a discussion of the new Flight Release Procedures.

Maj Mike Tembreull also reviewed the vertical speeds for 180 horsepower upgrade on the

Cessna 172's as

In addition to CAP issues, the pilots from 12 different CAP units



also reviewed Crash Survival Techniques. **LTC Leo Burke** reviewed basic procedures and steps that pilots and aircrews can

take in the event of an emergency landing. Proper survival equipment and pre-flight planning procedures were discussed to insure our members are prepared.

Capt Andy Applegate outlined changes to FAA regulations and manuals which are important to keep our pilots current.

In addition to meeting CAP safety requirements, this program also counted toward ground instruction for the FAA Wings Proficiency Program.